

**ALTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes of Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

Mayor Vande Griend called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with Council members Frederes, Jorgensen, Mulder, and Plathe present. Also present was Kurt List, Gail Van Grouw, and Dale Oltmans.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Frederes to approve the agenda. Ayes 4

**PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE PACKAGE:** Kurt List from Perspective Insurance presented the City's Property & Liability Insurance Package for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. List reviewed the rate and deductible increases due to market prices.

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to approve the Property & Liability Insurance Package as presented. Ayes 4

List left the meeting at 6:14 PM.

**KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL:** Gail Van Grouw spoke to the Council regarding Keep Iowa Beautiful. She would like to partner with Alton to publicize a day for volunteers to clean up garbage and waste around town.

Van Grouw left the meeting at 6:25PM.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Frederes to approve the minutes from both April 1, 2025, meetings. Ayes 4

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to accept the financial reports as presented. Ayes 4

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Frederes to approve the bills as presented. Ayes 4

<b>APRIL 2025 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>		
<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
A & M LAUNDRY INC	LAUNDRY SERVICE	\$73.55
AFLAC	AFLAC-PRE-TAX	\$417.77
AGSTATE	FUEL	\$1,912.89
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	AEDC DA	\$259.00
AMERICAN STATE BANK	FED/FICA TAX	\$10,616.33
AMERICAN TEST CENTER INC	BUCKET & DIGGER INSPECTIONS	\$1,137.00
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	COMPLIANCE TESTING	\$215.83
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$67.15
BOMGAARS	SUPPLIES	\$381.66
BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	LED BULBS	\$272.50
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER FEES	\$148.57
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS COMMODITY	\$12,314.87
CLAYTON ENERGY CORPORATION	GAS RESERVATION	\$19,139.64
CONNECTIONS INC	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	\$84.84
DEWILD GRANT RECKERT & ASSOC	3RD AVE RECON - FLOOD	\$12,492.50
ECHO GROUP INC	CT CABINET, CONNECTORS	\$1,170.96
CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DIST.	GENERATOR - FLOOD	\$25,300.00
FOREMAN TIRE SERVICE	TIRES	\$674.50
FRANKLIN PRESS INC	GAS INSERTS	\$569.64

GRAINGER	PRESSURE GAUGE	\$73.30
GROEBNER & ASSOCIATES INC	GAS VALVES	\$254.08
IMFOA CERT REVIEW COMMITTEE	IMFOA REGISTRATION	\$150.00
IOWA ASSN. OF MUNICIPAL UTIL.	APPRENTICESHIP	\$100.00
IOWA CODIFICATION	CODE UPDATE	\$103.00
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	ROCK SALT	\$499.32
IOWA STATE TREASURER	STATE TAX	\$1,055.01
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS	\$7,412.75
STUART C IRBY CO	PIPE	\$4,150.02
JANITOR'S CLOSET	TOWELS, SANITIZER	\$229.29
KOLBECK INC	WOOD GRINDING	\$12,458.30
KOPETSKYS ACE	SUPPLIES	\$109.18
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	SCBA REPAIRS	\$567.50
MATHESON TRI-GAS IN	OXYGEN	\$144.29
MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	PROJECT SHARE	\$170.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	ELECTRIC - BLOWOFF VALVE	\$21.80
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	STREETLIGHTS	\$347.23
MIKES WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIR	\$563.95
MISSOURI RIVER ENERGY SERVICES	ELECTRIC	\$39,973.09
MUNICIPAL UTIL-BILLS	UTILITIES	\$2,959.06
NEAL CHASE LUMBER CO	SUPPLIES	\$322.82
NO STREAKING INC	WINDOW CLEANING	\$99.00
ORANGE CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	BULK WATER	\$13,633.84
DALE OLTMANS	MILEAGE	\$171.50
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	PAPER	\$235.80
OOSTRA BIERMA LAW	LEGAL FEES	\$1,136.00
OPTUM	AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT	\$248.96
ORANGE CITY SANITATION	GARBAGE HAULING	\$9,170.40
PAYROLL	PAYROLL 3/31/2025	\$36,210.58
PCC	RESCUE BILLING	\$417.10
PEFA, INC	GAS COMMODITY	\$14,841.94
PERSPECTIVE INSURANCE	LIBRARY POLICY	\$2,032.00
PLUIM PUBLISHING CO., INC.	PUBLIC WORKS AD	\$73.63
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	FORTINET, IT SERVICES	\$1,596.03
PRINCIPAL LIFE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$174.44
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	STREET SWEEPER MAINTENANCE	\$13,002.60
SENSIT TECHNOLOGIES	GAS TRAINING	\$200.00
SIOUX COUNTY RECORDER	RECORDING FEES	\$22.00
SIOUXLAND PRESS	PUBLICATIONS	\$748.50
SPIREWORKS CREATIVE	WEBSITE UPDATES	\$503.50
STEVE BROUWER TRUCKING, INC	SAND AND HAULING	\$452.51
STRYKER SALES CORP	LUCAS BATTERY CHARGER	\$1,255.02
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	DERRICK TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$912.13
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	WATER EXCISE TAX	\$1,425.81
TREASURER - STATE OF IOWA	SALES TAX	\$4,930.65
U. S. POSTMASTER	POSTAGE	\$500.00
UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	GROUP INSURANCE	\$355.99
UTILITY EQUIPMENT CO.	CURB BOX	\$299.76
VAN WERT INC.	ERTS	\$1,371.84
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CONSULTING - FLOOD	\$564.00
VERIZON	CELL PHONES	\$589.61
VISA	FLAGS, TRAINING, SUPPLIES	\$2,058.88

WELLMARK BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	GROUP INSURANCE	\$9,003.26
WESCO DISTRIBUTION, INC.	ELEMENT - SIREN - FLOOD	\$383.58
WEST IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE, FAX, INTERNET	\$766.86
	<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>	<b>\$278,300.91</b>

**FY26 BUDGET:** Mayor Vande Griend opened a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget at 6:35PM. No written or oral comments were received.

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to close the public hearing at 6:40 PM. Ayes 4

**RESOLUTION 25-15: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026”** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Mulder. Plathe seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mulder, Plathe, Jorgensen, Frederes

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

#### **FY25 BUDGET:**

**RESOLUTION 25-16: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS ON THE CITY’S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT”** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Mulder seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Jorgensen, Mulder, Plathe, Frederes

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

#### **2024 FLOOD DISASTER:**

**RESOLUTION 25-18: “RESOLUTION RATIFYING, CONFIRMING AND APPROVING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES”** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Mulder. Frederes seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mulder, Frederes, Plathe, Jorgensen

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Mayor Vande Griend opened a public hearing for the Flood Repairs Financing at 6:42PM. No written or oral comments were received.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to close the public hearing at 6:45 PM. Ayes 4

**RESOLUTION 25-19: “RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES”** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Plathe. Jorgensen seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Plathe, Jorgensen, Frederes, Mulder

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Oltmans updated the Council on progress with FEMA.

**HIEMSTRA ADDITION:** Mayor Vande Griend opened a public hearing for the Disposing of City Owned Real Estate at 6:46PM. No written or oral comments were received.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Mulder to close the public hearing at 6:50 PM. Ayes 4

**RESOLUTION 25-20: “A RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE”** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Mulder seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Plathe, Jorgensen, Frederes, Mulder

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

**AMBULANCE:** Fire Chief Quintin Van Es submitted a request to the Council to purchase ImageTrend Software. The software will help the EMS staff comply with federal regulations concerning patient data. Jorgensen spoke about eliminating some of the liability in keeping the data secure.

Motion by Mulder and second by Plathe to approve the purchase of the EMS Bidirectional Communication Product as proposed by ImageTrend. Ayes 4

#### **SALARIES AND WAGES:**

**RESOLUTION 25-17: “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALTON, IOWA, SETTING REC DIRECTOR AND LIBRARY SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025”** was introduced and moved for adoption by Council Member Jorgensen. Frederes seconded the motion to adopt.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Jorgensen, Frederes, Mulder, Plathe

Nays: None

Absent: Kleinhesselink

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted.

**SANITATION:** Orange City Sanitation submitted the 2025-2028 Sanitation Contract.

Motion by Plathe and second by Jorgensen to approve the 2025-2028 Sanitation Contract with Orange City Sanitation. Ayes 4

**DAYCARE 28E:** Oltmans updated the Council the daycare 28E. The 28E is working on updating the bylaws and will need to be approved by the council when the updates are complete.

**UTILITIES:** Oltmans spoke to the Council regarding the proposed Electric Backup Generation Project discussed last month. The Council discussed the cost, payback, and system stability.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to move forward with the Electric Backup Generation Project as proposed by DGR Engineering. Ayes 4

The Council reviewed the Engineering Task Order from DGR Engineering for the Electric Substation Project.

Motion by Plathe and second by Frederes to approve the Electric Substation Project: Engineering Task Order as prepared by DGR Engineering. Ayes 4

**PARKS:** Oltmans presented quotes on resurfacing the tennis courts. The Council discussed the desire to move forward with the project, but with the expenses from flood repairs, it is hard to justify the added expense this year. It was the consensus of the Council to hold off on resurfacing the tennis courts until next fiscal year. It is still their intention to complete the project.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Oltmans updated the Council on three fire hydrants that need to be replaced and presented bids from contractors for repairs.

Staff requested the purchase of a sprayer for the lagoons and other areas within the City. Konz would get certified to operate the sprayer. Staff will also spray the new development areas and Oltmans will propose to the AEDC to share in the cost of the sprayer.

Oltmans updated the Council on applications received for the Public Works Grade 1 position. The personnel committee, Konz and City's HR contractor will hold interviews.

Motion by Jorgensen and second by Plathe to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Ayes 4

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Mayor  
Dan Vande Griend

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City Clerk/Administrator  
Dale Oltmans

**March Revenue**

General Fund	\$26,913.00	Capital Parks & Trails Fund	\$387.83
RUT Fund	\$11,335.76	Water Fund	\$28,217.63
Employee Benefits Fund	\$1,260.37	Sewer Fund	\$30,491.46
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$21,893.58	Electric Fund	\$112,265.68
TIF – FVM2 Phase 1 Fund	\$2,505.28	Gas Fund	\$143,773.00
TIF – FVM2 Phase 2 Fund	\$2,972.05	Storm Water Fund	\$2,842.00
Debt Service Fund	\$8,388.95	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$393,549.36</b>
Capital Equipment Fund	\$302.77		